(c) the criteria for inclusion of any language in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution, along with the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) Demands of various languages for inclusion in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution are pending with the Government.

A Committee was set up under Shri Sitakant Mohapatra to evolve a set of objective criteria for inclusion of more languages in the Eighth Schedule. The Committee has submitted its report and made certain recommendations. The demands for inclusion of more languages in the Eighth Schedule will be considered, *inter-alia,* in the light of the recommendations of the Committee and Government decision thereon.

Custodial deaths

931. SHRI THENNALA G. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of custodial deaths happened in the last year;

(b) the State-wise break up thereof;

(c) whether Government had made any study in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) As per the reports received by the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) from States/Union Territories, the total number of custodial death for the year 2005-2006 is 1730. The State-wise break is given in the enclosed statement (See below)

(c) No, sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Statement

Statement showing custodial deaths reported to NHRC from State Governments/UTs during the year-2005-2006

State	2005-2006		
	PC*	JC*	Total
Andhra Pradesh	11	134	145
Arunachal Pradesh	1	—	1
Assam	7	27	34
Bihar	1	246	.247
Goa	1	4	5
Gujarat	20	52	72
Haryana	4	58	62
Himachal Pradesh	—	5	5
Jammu & Kashmir	1	—.	1
Karnataka	5	67	72
Kerala	5	44	49
Madhya Pradesh	4	44	48
Maharastra	20	115	135'
Manipur	—	—	—
Meghalaya	—	4	4
Mizoram	—	—	—
Nagaland	—	—	—
Orissa	2	42	44
Punjab	6	100	106
Rajasthan	7	50	57
Sikkim	—	—	—
Tamil Nadu	7	101	108
Tripura	1	4	5
Uttar Pradesh	18	259	277
West Bengal	8	76	84

1	2	3	4
A&N Islands	—	2	2
Chandigarh	—	3	3
D&N Haveli	—	—	—
Daman & Diu	—	—	—
Delhi	3	29	32
Lakshdweep	—	—	—
Pondicherry	—	1	1
Chhattisgarh	2	52	54
Jharkhand	4	62	66
Uttarranchal	1	10	11
Total Cases	139	1591	1730

*PC: Police Custody
*JC: Judicial Custody

Fake encounters in J&K

932. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Centre has asked the J&K Government to submit a detailed report on the recent cold blooded murder of innocent civilians in fake encounters by the security forces; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) As intimated by the State Government of Jammu and Kashmir, recently six cases of alleged fake encounters have been reported in Srinagar and Baramulla districts wherein six civilians alleged to have been killed. Dead bodies of five persons were exhumed under appropriate authority in the presence of Magistrate and witnesses, post mortem conducted and samples taken by Central Forensic Science Laboratory (CFSL), Chandigarh expert from the dead bodies as also from their relatives for DNA matching and identification. The dead